

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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Dear Miss Feldman:

The Honorable Sherman Adams has sent me your letter, and his reply, concerning the possibility of awarding the National Security Medal to Mr. Joseph C. Harsch for his articles in the Christian Science Monitor in support of President Eisenhower's statements concerning the national budget.

The National Security Medal was established by Executive Order 10431 of January 19, 1953. Paragraph 1 of the "Regulations Governing the Award of the National Security Medal" reads as follows:

1. The National Security Medal may be awarded to any person without regard to nationality, including a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, who, on or after 26 July 1947, has made an outstanding contribution to the National intelligence effort. This contribution may consist of either exceptionally meritorious service performed in a position of high responsibility or of an act of valor requiring personal courage of a high degree and complete disregard of personal safety.

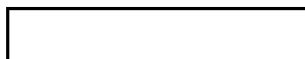
I am sure, therefore, you will agree that Mr. Harsch's activities would not come within the requirements of the Executive Order for the award of the National Security Medal.

Thank you very much for your own interest and for your suggestion.

Sincerely yours,

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Executive Secretary

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